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Section I:
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121 to the
CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended):

A method for creating a list of interest terms for a user of a web browser system, said web browser system having a user display, a user input device, and a persistent storage device, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a user dialog on said user display ~~for presenting a plurality of available interest terms from an interest term master list, said user dialog comprising a sequential prompting for input in which the user is queried as to interest in general categorical terms with suppression of sub-category and specific terms unless the user's response is affirmative, followed by further sequential prompting as to user interest in one or more sub-categories and one or more specific terms limited to terms associated with the affirmatively-answered general categorical terms of interest;~~

~~receiving at least one user selection of [[an]] at least one specific interest term, subcategory, or general category; [[and]]~~

~~creating a user interest term list containing selected interest terms[.];~~

~~disposing said interest term list on said web browser system; and~~

~~allowing said web browser and any present web browser functional extensions to access said disposed interest terms.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended):

The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of providing a user dialog comprises providing a series of questions in the form of interrogatory statements regarding available interest terms, and wherein said step of receiving at least one user selection comprises receiving an affirmative answer to at least one provided question.

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Claim 3 (currently amended):

The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of providing a user dialog comprises providing [[a]] an expandable master checklist of available interest terms, and wherein said step of receiving at least one user selection comprises receiving user selections of at least one available interest term on said master checklist.

Claim 4 (original):

The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of creating a user interest term list comprises creating a text file containing selected interest terms.

Claim 5 (original):

The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of creating a user interest term list comprises creating a record in a database.

Claim 6 (original):

The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of creating a user interest term list comprises storing a user interest term list in persistent memory of said web browser system.

Claim 7 (canceled).

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Claim 8 (currently amended):

A computer-readable medium having stored thereon program code or creating a list of interest terms for a user of a web browser system, said web browser system having a user display, a user input device, and a persistent storage device, said program code when executed by a web browser system causing the web browser system to perform the steps of:

providing a user dialog on said user display for presenting a plurality of available interest terms from an interest term master list, said user dialog comprising a sequential prompting for input in which the user is queried as to interest in general categorical terms with suppression of sub-category and specific terms unless the user's response is affirmative, followed by further sequential prompting as to user interest in one or more sub-categories and one or more specific terms limited to terms associated with the affirmatively-answered general categorical terms of interest;

receiving at least one user selection of [[an]] at least one specific interest term, subcategory, or general category; [[and]]

creating a user interest term list containing selected interest terms[[.]] ;

disposing said interest term list on said web browser system; and

allowing said web browser and any present web browser functional extensions to access said disposed interest terms.

Claim 9 (currently amended):

The computer-readable medium as set forth in Claim 8 wherein program code for performing the step of providing a user dialog comprises program code for providing a series of questions in the form of interrogatory statements regarding available interest terms, and wherein said program code for performing the step of receiving at least one user selection comprises program code for receiving an affirmative answer to at least one provided question.

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Claim 10 (currently amended):

The computer-readable medium as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said program code for performing the step of providing a user dialog comprises program code for providing [[a]] an expandable master checklist of available interest terms, and wherein said program code for performing the step of receiving at least one user selection comprises program code for receiving user selections of at least one available interest term on said master checklist.

Claim 11 (original):

The computer-readable medium as set forth in Claim 8 wherein program code for performing the step of creating a user interest term list comprises program code for creating a text file containing selected interest terms.

Claim 12 (original):

The computer-readable medium as set forth in Claim 8 wherein program code for performing the step of creating a user interest term list comprises program code for creating a record in a database.

Claim 13 (original):

The computer-readable medium as set forth in Claim 8 wherein program code for performing the step of creating a user interest term list comprises program code for storing a user interest term list in persistent memory of said web browser system.

Claim 14 (canceled).

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Claim 15 (currently amended):

An enhanced web browser system with user-defined interest terms for a user comprising:

- a processor for executing program code;
- a user display for presenting information to a user;
- a user input device for receiving user input;
- a persistent storage device for storing data and information; and

a user interest configurator ~~program executable by said processor~~ for causing the web browser system to provide a user dialog on said user display presenting a plurality of available interest terms from an interest term master list, receive at least one user selection of [[an]] at least one specific interest term, and create a user interest term list containing selected interest terms, said user dialog comprising a sequential prompting for input in which the user is queried as to interest in general categorical terms with suppression of sub-category and specific terms unless the user's response is affirmative, followed by further sequential prompting as to user interest in one or more subcategories and one or more specific terms limited to terms associated with the affirmatively answered general categorical terms of interest, said specific interest term including at least one general category or subcategory;

an interest term recorder configured to dispose said specific interest terms on said web browser system; and

an interface to said disposed interest terms for access by said web browser and any present web browser functional extensions .

Claim 16 (currently amended):

The enhanced web browser system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said program is adapted to provide a series of questions in the form of interrogatory statements regarding available interest terms and to receive at least one user selection as an affirmative answer to at least one provided question.

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Claim 17 (currently amended):

The enhanced web browser system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said program is adapted to provide [[a]] an expandable master checklist of available interest terms, and to receive at least one user selection interest [[terms]] term on said master checklist.

Claim 18 (original):

The enhanced web browser system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said program is adapted to create flat text file containing said user interest term list.

Claim 19 (original):

The enhanced web browser system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said program is adapted to create a record in a database containing said user interest term list.

Claim 20 (original):

The enhanced web browser system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said program is adapted to store said user interest term list in persistent memory of said web browser system.

Claim 21 (canceled).